

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Roger Forsch has devoted 45 years of his life to the marketing of electronics and appliances and the promotion of retail business in South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa – the last 16 years as Territory Manager for ALMO Distributing Minnesota, Inc.; and,

Whereas, It comes as no surprise Roger Forsch would spend a lifetime in sales considering he was born on May 4, 1940, to William and Edith Forsch, one of two children, and from a very early age worked in his parents appliance store on main street in Mott, North Dakota; and,

Whereas, Roger Forsch has pursued his duties as a Territory Manager in a manner that has earned him the respect and admiration of his co-workers, business associates, and competitors; and,

Whereas, Roger Forsch has distinguished himself at the regional, state and local levels in his efforts to promote the products of his company and to provide the best customer service he could living by his motto, “a hand shake and a smile are better than an e-mail any day”; and,

Whereas, Roger Forsch has consistently displayed ambition, intelligence, loyalty, tenacity and a contagious enthusiasm, always with an attitude of no task is too large and no job is too difficult, as he pursued his responsibilities in a manner that allowed retail businesses to prosper; and,

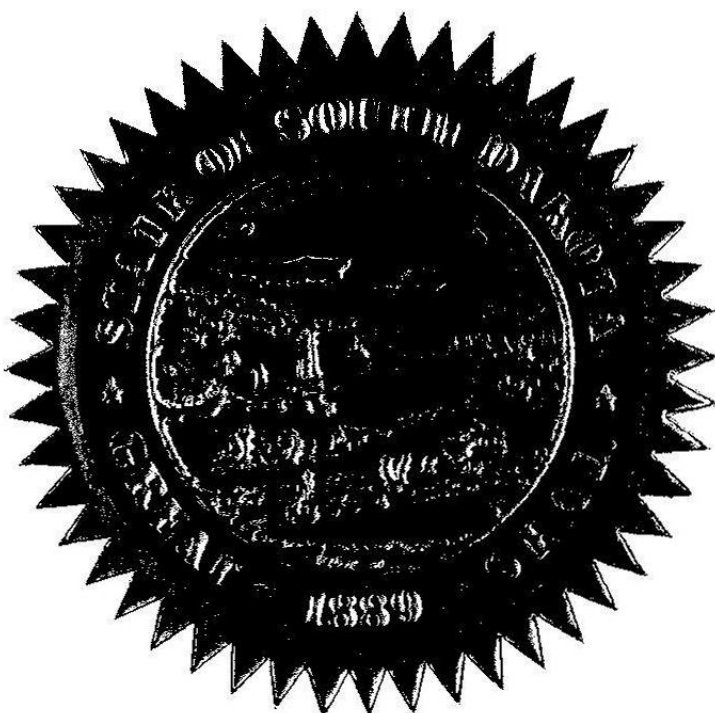
Whereas, Roger Forsch will be retiring from ALMO Distributing, and the corporate office and staff hereby convey appreciation and thanks to Roger and commend him for his dedicated service to the company and to the businesses in the Midwest; and,

Whereas, Roger Forsch will also observe his 65th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such as a milestone warrants, as his friends, family, and co-workers gather on April 30, 2005, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating him on this well-earned retirement wishing him a long, healthy, peaceful and enjoyable retirement and a very happy birthday.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State
by Deputy